Heavy Industries in Andhra Pradesh

*529. SHRI C. RAMACHANDRAIAH: Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to refer to reply to Starred Question 163 given in the Rajya Sabha on the 14th March, 2005 and state:

(a) the investment made in each industry/enterprise;

(b) the economic viability of the above industries/enterprises; and

(c) the steps being taken to improve health of each such industry/ enterprise?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRI SONTOSH MOHAN DEV): (a) Investment in terms of equity in PSEs located in Andhra Pradesh under the Deptt. of Heavy Industry is as under—

Sl. No.	PSE	Investment in terms of equity as on 31.3.2004 (Rs. cr.)
1.	Bharat Heavy Plates & Vessels Ltd.	33.80
2.	Praga Tools Ltd.	36.17
3.	HMT (Bearings) Ltd.	9.23
4.	HMT *(Machine Tools) Ltd	10.70
5.	HMT Ltd.*	470.67
6.	Cement Corpn. of India Ltd.*	429.85
7.	Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd.*	244.76
8.	Hindustan Cables Ltd.*	419.36

*Only some unit(s) of the company are located in the State of Andhra Pradesh.

(Note: Investment mentioned above is for the company as a whole as the equity investment is not specific to individual plants/units.)

(b) Out of above 8 PSEs only one PSE namely Bharat Heavy Electricals Ltd. has been consistently making profits and remaining 7 are making loss. As per the Public Sector policy enunciated in the National Common Minimum Programme (NCMP), cases of all sick/loss making PSEs are to be reviewed and viable revival plans are to be placed before the Board for Reconstruction of Public Enterprises (BRPSE). Accordingly, so far 2 PSEs [Praga Tools Ltd. and HMT (Bearings) Ltd.] out of above 8 have already been considered by BRPSE and recommendations received for further processing for a Government decision.

(c) In the meanwhile, some of the steps taken for improving the viability of the PSEs are: manpower rationalization, strengthening of MoU system for close monitoring, reservation/assistance in securing orders, financial resrtructuring, financial assistance for capital investment, salary/wages etc.

National Capital Region Board

*531. SHRI DATTA MEGHE: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) when the National Capital Region Board was constituted;

(b) the composition of the Board;

(c) the terms and reference of the Board;

(d) the amount spent so far by the Board;

(e) whether the Board has failed in achieving its objectives;

(f) if so, the reasons therefor; and

(g) the measures taken by Government to develop the NCR towns so as to reduce pressure of population in Delhi?

THE MINISTER OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) The National Capital Region Planning Board (NCRPB) was constituted on 28.3.1985 as per the provisions of National Capital Region Planning Board Act, 1985.

(b) The National Capital Region Planning Board comprises of 21 Members and 10 Co-opted Members. A list of Members of the Board is enclosed as a Statement (*See* below).

(c) The National Capital Region Planning Board is responsible for preparation of a Plan for development of the National Capital Region and for coordinating and monitoring the implementation of such plan for evolving harmonized policies for the control of land-use and development of infrastructure in the National Capital Region so as to avoid any haphazard development of the region and for matters incidental thereto.

(d) The National Capital Region Planning Board has informed that a total amount of Rs. 1983.78 crore has been released so far in the form of interest bearing loan to the Governments of the participating States in the